

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-9 as follows:

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- B1*
1. (Amended) An electric lamp, comprising:
a light source (2) operable to emit a visible light; and
a light-transmitting lamp vessel (1) which accommodates the light source (2),
wherein at least a part of the lamp vessel (1) is provided with a light-absorbing coating (3) including a pigment which absorbs a part of the visible light, the light-absorbing coating (3) having a network which can be obtained by conversion of an organically modified silane selected from a group formed by compounds of the following structural formula: $R^I\text{Si}(\text{OR}^{II})_3$,
wherein R^I comprises an alkyl group or an aryl group, and
wherein R^{II} comprises an alkyl group.
 2. (Amended) The electric lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the R^I group comprises CH_3 or C_6H_5 .
 3. (Amended) The electric lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the R^{II} group comprises CH_3 or C_2H_5 .
 4. (Amended) The electric lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein an average diameter d_p of the pigment is $d_p \leq 100 \text{ nm}$.
 5. (Amended) The electric lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein a thickness t_c of the light-absorbing coating (3) is $t_c \geq 1 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$.
 6. (Amended) The electric lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein silica particles having a diameter $d \leq 50 \text{ nm}$ are incorporated in the network.

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7. (Amended) The electric lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the pigment is an inorganic pigment.

8. (Amended) The electric lamp as claimed in claim 7, wherein the pigment is selected from the group formed by iron oxide, iron oxide doped with phosphor, zinc-iron oxide, cobalt aluminate, neodymium oxide, bismuth vanadate, zirconium praseodymium silicate or mixtures thereof.

9. (Amended) The electric lamp as claimed in claim 8, wherein the pigment is formed by a mixture of iron oxide and bismuth vanadate or by a mixture of iron oxide doped with phosphor and bismuth vanadate.